

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application. Claims 1-6, 8-16, and 18-25 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 14, and 24 have been amended. No claims have been canceled.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 8-16, and 18-25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Magnus et al. (WO 02/082359; hereinafter “Magnus”). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claim 1 as amended sets forth “identification information to associate the hardcopy representation with the electronic application, the identification information comprising an **identification (ID) icon unique to the electronic application**” (claim 1, emphasis added). In contrast, Magnus fails to disclose “the identification information comprising an identification (ID) icon unique to the electronic application”.

According to Magnus, p. 5, lines 1-16, the pre-printed coupons are designed with *special boxes* intended for filling in winners, etc. Furthermore, these special boxes have *position-coding pattern*, which is used *to identify where on the coupon the characters have been written*. In contrast, the identification information set forth in claim 1 comprises an identification icon unique to the electronic application to associate the hardcopy representation with the electronic application. The position-coding pattern in Magnus merely identifies where on the coupon the characters have been written, *not* the electronic application associated with the hardcopy representation.

In response to the Examiner’s argument that limitations from the specification are not read into the claims (final Office Action, p. 4, section 5), it is respectfully submitted that Applicant did not read limitation from the specification into the claims. The Examiner misconstrued Applicant’s last response to rely upon a feature disclosed in Magnus (i.e., a

position-coding pattern) to distinguish claim 1 from Magnus. Applicant put “not a position coding pattern” in p. 8, ln. 4-6 of the 4th paragraph of the last response to emphasize the fact that Magnus discloses only a position-coding pattern, which is not the same as the ID icon set forth in claim 1. The above feature of Magnus was merely pointed out to respectfully show that the Examiner has distorted the disclosure of Magnus to argue that Magnus anticipates the above limitation set forth in claim 1.

Furthermore, regarding the limitation of “the hardcopy representation having identification information to associate the hardcopy representation with the electronic application, the identification information comprising an identification **icon** ...” in claim 1, the Examiner stated in the office action that limitations from specification should not be read into claims. However, it is respectfully submitted there is no need to read limitation from the current specification to the claim to distinguish the “identification signals” in Magnus from the “identification icon” in claim 1 because the plain English meanings of “icon” and “signals” are well known to be different (for example, see the respective definitions of “icon” and “signal” in Webster’s II New College Dictionary).

Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner misconstrued Applicant’s last response to rely upon a feature disclosed in Magnus (i.e., an identification signal from a writing and reading unit) to distinguish claim 1 from Magnus. The above feature of Magnus was merely pointed out to respectfully show that the Examiner has distorted the disclosure of Magnus to argue that Magnus anticipates the above limitation set forth in claim 1.

Because of the many deficiencies in Magnus, Magnus fails to anticipate claim 1 as amended. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-6 and 8-13 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 1. For at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1, claims 2-6 and 8-13 are patentable over Magnus in view of Zdybel and Patton. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejections.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 14 and 24 as amended are patentable over Magnus in view of Zdybel and Patton for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections.

Claims 15-16, 18-23, and 25 depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 14 and 24 respectively. Therefore, claims 15-16, 18-23, and 25 are patentable over Magnus in view of Zdybel and Patton for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claims 14 and 24.

The Examiner rejected claims 8-9, and 18-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Magnus, as modified by Zdybel as applied to claim 1, and further in view of Patton. For the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

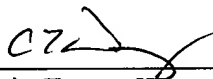
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and §103(a) have been overcome by the remarks and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested. Applicant submits that claims 1-6, 8-16, and 18-25 as amended are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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